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SUBJECT: COMBINED MEDIA REPORT - MORNING, FEBRUARY 12

FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS

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SUMMARY: WIRES & RADIO REPORT HAK ARRIVAL CAIRO: KALB
SAYS HAK ASSURED ISRAELIS THAT U.S. FEELS ISRAELIS SHOULD
GET SOMETHING FOR EVERY TERRITORIAL CONCESSION; AMERICAN
NEWSMEN TAKEN ON TOUR OF SINAI .

WIRES

1. UPI (CAIRO): HAK FLEW TO EGYPT FROM TEL AVIV TODAY TO
FIND OUT HOW FAR PRESIDENT SADAT WILL COMPROMISE TO GET
A NEW ISRAELI MILITARY WITHDRAWAL IN THE SINAI DESERT.

ON ARRIVAL IN CAIRO, HAK SAID, "I AM IN THIS AREA TO SEE
WHAT I CAN DO TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING
PACE AND TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP ON THAT ROAD AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE."

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KISSINGER IS SCHEDULED TO LUNCH WITH SADAT FOR FURTHER TALKS.

BEFORE LEAVING TEL AVIV, HAK SAID HIS TALKS WITH ISRAELI

LEADERS WERE INCONCLUSIVE BUT NONETHELESS "VERY CONSTRUCTIVE AND USEFUL."

"WE DID NOT ATTEMPT TO REACH ANY FINAL CONCLUSION THIS TRIP BUT RATHER TO EXPLORE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES," HE TOLD REPORTERS.

"I WILL NOW GO TO EGYPT AND I WILL HAVE SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EGYPTIAN LEADERS."

ALLON SAW HAK OFF AND CALLED THE TALKS "PRELIMINARY" AND "VERY CONSTRUCTIVE."

AT AN OFFICIAL BANQUET TUESDAY NIGHT, HAK CALLED FOR AN "ACT OF FAITH" FROM ISRAEL IN SEEKING A NEW SETTLEMENT WITH EGYPT AND AT THE SAME TIME ASSURED ISRAELI LEADERS THEIR INTERESTS WOULD NOT BE SACRIFICED TO BIG-POWER POLITICS.

2. AP (SCHWEID-CAIRO): KISSINGER FLEW TO CAIRO TODAY AFTER A 36 HOUR VISIT TO ISRAEL WHICH ALLON SAID WAS "A VERY SUCCESSFUL PRELIMINARY MOVE" TOWARD A NEW ISRAELI-EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT.

HAK TOLD NEWSMEN AT THE CAIRO AIRPORT: "I AM BACK TO SEE WHAT I CAN DO TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD A JUST AND LASTING PEACE AND TO TAKE THE NEXT STEP ON THAT ROAD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE."

FAHMY WELCOMED HAK AND HIS WIFE AND TOOK THEM TO THE TAHRA PALACE, WHERE THEY ARE STAYING. THEN HAK WAS DRIVEN TO SADAT'S REST HOUSE AT BARRAGES, ON THE NILE 10 MILES NORTH OF CAIRO, TO BEGIN THEIR DISCUSSIONS OVER LUNCH.

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LEAVING JERUSALEM, HAK SAID THE PURPOSE OF HIS TALKS WAS "TO EXPLORE THE BASIC PRINCIPLES AND CATEGORIES OF A POSSIBLE INTERIM AGREEMENT" AND HE WOULD NOW HAVE "SIMILAR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE EGYPTIAN LEADERS."

"WE DIDN'T EXPECT TOO MUCH FROM THE FIRST MOVE," ALLON SAID. "WE MUST STICK TO THE INITIATIVE UNTIL WE GET POSITIVE RESULTS."

HAK STRESSED "WE DID NOT ATTEMPT TO REACH ANY
FINAL CONCLUSIONS ON THIS TRIP."

HAK FLEW TO CAIRO TO TELL SADAT HOW MUCH MORE OF THE
SINAI DESERT ISRAEL IS PREPARED TO RETURN IN A SECOND

DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENT AND WHAT IT DEMANDS FROM EGYPT
IN RETURN...

HAK BROUGHT A DETAILED ISRAELI POSITION WITH HIM FROM
JERUSALEM, INCLUDING ABOUT A DOZEN STEPS TOWARD AN END
TO THE ARABS' ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC BOYCOTT
OF THE JEWISH STATE.

SOURCES SAID THESE INCLUDE MOVEMENT OF CARGO BOUND FOR
ISRAEL THROUGH THE SUEZ CANAL, TOURIST TRAVEL FROM ONE
COUNTRY TO THE OTHER AND EXCHANGES OF JOURNALISTS AND
CULTURAL AND SPORTS GROUPS.

A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL TOLD NEWSMEN THAT ISRAEL WAS
INSISTING ALSO ON A SIGNED DOCUMENT FROM EGYPT MARKING
AN END TO ALMOST 27 YEARS OF HOSTILITIES, AND, HE SAID,
IF ISRAEL GIVES UP THE ABU RODEIS OILFIELDS IT WOULD
HAVE TO BE GUARANTEED AN ALTERNATIVE SOURCE OF PETROLEUM,
PARTICULARLY IN THE EVENT OF ANOTHER EMERGENCY.

HAK'S 36-HOUR STOP IN JERUSALEM WAS DESCRIBED BY ISRAELI
FM ALLON AS "A VERY SUCCESSFUL PRELIMINARY MOVE"
TOWARD AN AGREEMENT.

RADIO/TV

1. KALB (CBS RADIO, CAIRO): HAK REACHED CAIRO FOR
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CRUCIAL TALKS WITH SADAT AFTER ASSURING THE ISRAELIS
THAT FOR EVERY TERRITORIAL CONCESSION THEY MAY MAKE THE
U.S. FEELS THEY SHOULD GET SOMETHING QUITE CONCRETE
IN RETURN -- A TANGIBLE QUID PRO QUO TO QUOTE ONE
HIGH OFFICIAL ON HAK'S PLANE; THEREFORE, WHAT
CONCESSIONS IF ANY SADAT IS PREPARED TO MAKE TAKES ON
DECISIVE IMPORTANCE. SO FAR ON THE BASIS OF PRIVATE
EXCHANGES BETWEEN SADAT AND KISSINGER, THE EGYPTIAN
LEADER MAY BE WILLING TO AGREE TO SOME LIMITED
SUSPENSION OF THE STATE OF BELLIGERENCY WITH ISRAEL.
THE SECRETARY HAS IN MIND THE POSSIBILITY OF AN 18-MONTH
SUSPENSION IN EXCHANGE FOR MODEST ISRAELI WITHDRAWALS IN
THE SINAI; THAT IS, IF HE CANNOT WORK OUT ANYTHING
MORE AMBITIOUS IN THE MEANTIME. THE 18 MONTHS WOULD BE
ENOUGH TIME FOR THE GENEVA CONFERENCE TO BE

RECONVENED AND TO BEGIN THRASHING OUT THE DEEP AND COMPLICATED ISSUES DIVIDING ISRAEL FROM THE ARAB STATES. ONE MORE THINK, HAK BELIEVES THAT SADAT WILL AGREE TO SIGN ANY INTERIM AGREEMENT WITH ISRAEL THAT KISSINGER CAN WORK OUT - THE KEY IS, WHAT KIND OF POLITICAL CONCESSIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR WHAT DEPTH OF ISRAELI PULLBACK.

2. VALERIANI (NBC TV - TODAY SHOW, JERUSALEM): AT A

DINNER IN HIS HONOR LAST NIGHT, HAK SOUGHT TO REASSURE ANXIOUS ISRAELIS ABOUT THEIR SECURITY. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THEY WERE BEING ASKED TO GIVE UP PHYSICAL TERRITORY FOR POLITICAL INTANGIBLES ...

HAK: "THE IDEA THAT ISRAELIS WOULD BE PUSHED BACK IN-ADVERTENTLY WITHOUT NOTICING IT, SO TO SPEAK, AND WITHOUT OBTAINING A QUID PRO QUO IS SO INCONCEIVABLE THAT IT REQUIRES ALMOST NO DISCUSSION." HAK PLANS TO BE BACK HERE TOMORROW NIGHT AFTER MEETING WITH SADAT TODAY TO FIND OUT WHAT HE IS PREPARED TO GIVE IN EXCHANGE FOR A FURTHER ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM THE SINAI.

NEWSPAPERS

NYTIMES (GWERTZMAN), NYDAILY NEWS (CARTER) AND WASHPOST UNCLASSIFIED

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(BERGER) DATELINE MITLA PASS WRITE ISRAELIS STRESS STRATEGIC ROLE OF SINAI. NYT HAS 4-COLUMN PIC OF PASS; WASHPOST HAS 2-COLUMN PIC MAP EGYPTIAN-SINAI AREA.

NYTIMES:PAGE 3:

ISRAELI AUTHORITIES SOUGHT TODAY TO UNDERSCORE THEIR RELUCTANCE TO GIVE UP THE MITLA PASS AND THE NEARBY GIDI PASS IN THE CURRENT ROUND OF TWO AMERICAN-SPONSORED EGYPTIAN-ISRAELI NEGOTIATIONS...

THE BRIEFING OFFICER WAS BRIG. GENERAL JACOB EVAN, THE 40-YEAR OLD COMMANDER OF AN ARMORED DIVISION IN THE SINAI. HE FOUGHT IN THE 1967 AND 1973 WARS IN THIS AREA AND MADE IT CLEAR IN BLUNT TALK THAT HE SAW NO MILITARY REASON FOR ISRAEL TO GIVE UP THE MITLA PASS OR ANY OTHER PASS...

BECAUSE OF THE GENERAL'S FIRM VIEW ON THE PASSES, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION INTERRUPTED TO REMIND THE VISITORS THE GENERAL WAS NOT SPEAKING FOR THE GOVERNMENT ... END NYTIMES EXCERPTS.

NYDAILY NEWS: PAGE 2:

LOOKING THROUGH BINOCULARS AT THE FLAT, OPEN TERRAIN TOWARD THE SUEZ CANAL AND THEN AT THE RUGG , ROCKY MOUNTAINS IN THE OPPOSITE DIRECTION, ONE CAN EASILY SEE WHY THE ISRAELI ARMY WANTS TO KEEP THE GIDI AND MITLA PASSES - AND WHY THE EGYPTIANS WANT TO GET THEM BACK.

THIS LINE IS THE BEST ONE TO DEFEND ISRAEL," SAID BRIG. GEN. JACOB EVAN, A STOCKY, BLOND, 40-YEAR-OLD CAREER

MILITARY MAN...

THE GIDI AND MITLA PASSES AND THE ABU RUDEIS OILFIELDS, FARTHER SOUTH, ARE THE BIGGEST BARGAINING CHIPS IN THE NEW ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS OF A SECOND-STAGE DISENGAGEMENT BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL...

THE OBVIOUS PURPOSE WAS TO INFLUENCE THE NEGOTIATIONS BY MAKING THE AMERICAN PUBLIC AWARE OF THE TWO PASSES' UNCLASSIFIED

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VALUE TO ISRAEL. HAK HAS REPORTEDLY TOLD THE ISRAELIS THAT THEY MUST GIVE UP EITHER THE TWO PASSES OR THE OIL-FIELDS OR POSSIBLY BOTH, TO OBTAIN POLITICAL CONCESSIONS FROM EGYPT.

A U.S. SPOKESMAN SAID THE ISRAELI POSITION WAS REVIEWED IN DETAIL DURING THE TALKS TODAY... END NYDAILY NEWS EXCERPTS.

WASHPOST: PAGE 3:

BERGER DESCRIBES VISIT MITLA PASS & QUOTES SEC'S TOAST ALLON DINNER. BUT ADDS: REFERRING OBLIQUELY TO THE MOUNTAIN PASSES IN THE SINAI, HAK QUIPPED THAT THE ISRAELI CHIEF OF STAFF, MORDECHAI GUR HELD "AN AFFECTION FOR ANY POINT WITH ANY ELEVATION." GUR HAD OPPOSED GIVING UP THREE STRATEGIC HILLS IN THE GOLAN HEIGHTS IN THE NEGOTIATIONS IN MAY AND HAS APPARENTLY TAKEN A STRONG POSITION ON THE MITLA AND GIDI PASSES.

AS KISSINGER LEFT, HE SAID TO GUR: "I'LL GET ONE HILL SOME DAY." BUT SOMEONE NEARBY RETORTED THAT HAK HAS NOT SUCCEEDED YET. THE THREE HILLS IN THE GOLAN REMAINED UNDER ISRAELI CONTROL.

THE SUSPICION WITH WHICH THE ISRAELIS VIEW EGYPT WAS IMPLICIT IN THE ENTIRE BRIEFING GEN. EVAN GAVE TO REPORTERS. ALL HIS REMARKS SEEMED BASED ON THE EXPECTATION THAT THERE WILL BE ANOTHER WAR... END WASHPOST EXCERPTS.

LAST ITEM: WASHPOST, PAGE 3, CARRIES UPI BOX STORY RE
MRS. KISSINGER RECEIVING EAR TREATMENT IN HADASSAH
HOSPITAL.

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